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COUNTRY: USSR/WESTERN EUROPE

DOI: END OF JANUARY-BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY 1969

SUBJECT: SOVIET INTEREST IN TONING DOWN THE RUSSELL-
SPONSORED CONDEMNATION OF CZECH INVASION

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SOURCE:

1. RECENTLY A MEMBER OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY STAFF IN ROME
CALLED ON [] TO ENLIST HIS SUPPORT IN PLAYING DOWN THE PLANS
OF BERTRAND RUSSELL TO SPONSOR A CONFERENCE TO CONDEMN THE
SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. [] COMMENT: IT WAS
NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE SOVIET INTERVIEWED BEFORE OR AFTER THE
1-2 FEBRUARY STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE. [] SO RETURNED TO ROME ON
30 JANUARY FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE CAIRO AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLES
SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION.)

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2. [] HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH JEAN PAUL SARTRE AND THE

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RUSSELL STAFF ON THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS. THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE WAS ORGANIZED AS A SEPARATE ACTIVITY FROM THE PREVIOUS IWCT, FOR PURELY TACTICAL REASONS. AFTER THE NEAR EAST WAR, SOME ARAB STATES HAD REQUESTED THE IWCT TO INVESTIGATE WAR CRIMES IN THE NEAR EAST. HOWEVER, THE MEMBERS OF IWCT FOUND THEMSELVES AT VARIANCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE NEAR EAST SITUATION AND THEREFORE THE REQUEST WAS TURNED DOWN. FOR THIS REASON IT WAS NOT DEEMED EXPEDIENT TO REVIVE THE IWCT AS SUCH TO CONDEMN THE CZECH OPPRESSION.

3. FIELD DISSEM: STATE. (ALSO SENT [REDACTED])

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